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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Undertone steady to barely steady on bagged hens and consumer sized toms. Some cautiousness is noted as some wait to develop a sense of market direction. Inquiry light with a few sellers noting preliminary interest for November, 2001 holiday needs. The market continued active on 4-8 lb. rib breasts for January - February, mostly February shipments at generally steady price levels. Inquiry was noted on tom breast meat for deferred shipments, however, sellers were generally resisting buyers' attempts to procure tom breast at lower price levels. Demand and trading was light on bulk parts.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light to fair and centered on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings. Inquiry slow to moderate with the best interest noted from Russia on various parts items and mechanically separated turkey. Offerings of frozen thigh meat adequate to ample with a few starting to note some weakness as a result of the lack luster buying interest.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-99

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	83-86
BREASTS 10-12#	140
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 8 JANUARY 2001.

Domestic trading was fairly heavy on 4-8 pound breasts. Producers held fresh tom breast meat at steady levels and were unwilling to sell at lower bids. Thigh meat, destrapped tenders and whole tenders were available, however, little interest was noted by buyers. Tom drums and full cut wings were available for a lackluster demand. Some buyers bidding lower on hen v-type wings met resistance from sellers. One load of heavy hen drums moved into export channels at 23 cents delivered port. Export trading was fair on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings, light on mechanically separated turkey.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.00		102.00	1,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	94.00		94.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	22.13	320
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00		25.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	34.00	80
NECKS, TOM		F	22.60	100
NECKS, HEN		W	17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	148.00	320
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	155.00	52
THIGH MEAT		F	77.00	15
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	72.14	70
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	18
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.50	40
TENDERLOINS		W	122.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	135.40	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	143.43	224
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	55.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.00	130

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-23.00		22.43	364
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	208
TAILS		F	21.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	77.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.